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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner:

For: IMAGE READER AND METHOD FOR CORRECTING THE QUANTITY OF LIGHT
OF THE READOUT LIGHT SOURCE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to commencing examination of the subject application, kindly enter the
following amendment.

In The Claims:

Kindly amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) An image reader according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein said
second standard white board is provided in the external region of both end portions of
the document passing area with respect to the main scanning direction.

Kindly add claim 6 as follows:

6. An image reader according to claim 2, wherein said second standard
white board is provided in the external region of both end portions of the document
passing area with respect to the main scanning direction.